

Sheeley Michael J.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Sheeley Michael J.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
UNITED FIRE GROUP INC  
[UFCS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
118 SECOND AVENUE SE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/16/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP/COO - United Life Ins. Co.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/16/2013		M <sup>(1)</sup>	900 A \$ 21.66	3,140 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2013		M <sup>(1)</sup>	600 A \$ 18.14	3,740 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2013		S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,500 D \$ 28.578	2,240 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	

Common Stock

1,419 I

By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for self

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.66	05/16/2013		M <sup>(1)</sup>	900	<sup>(5)</sup> 02/20/2014	Common Stock 900	\$
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.14	05/16/2013		M <sup>(1)</sup>	600	<sup>(6)</sup> 05/20/2019	Common Stock 600	\$

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sheeley Michael J. 118 SECOND AVENUE SE CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909			VP/COO - United Life Ins. Co.	

**Signatures**

/s/ Michael J. Sheeley by Dianne M. Lyons,  
Attorney-in-Fact 05/17/2013

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

**Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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- (1) This transaction represents the simultaneous exercise and sale of vested stock options.

The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person following the reported transaction includes: 2,107 shares held directly by Mr. Sheeley and 1,033 shares of restricted stock issued to Mr. Sheeley under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018.

- (2) The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person following the reported transaction includes: 2,707 shares held directly by Mr. Sheeley and 1,033 shares of restricted stock issued to Mr. Sheeley under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018.

- (3) The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person following the reported transaction includes: 1,207 shares held directly by Mr. Sheeley and 1,033 shares of restricted stock issued to Mr. Sheeley under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018.

- (4) All options currently exercisable.

- (5) 600 options currently exercisable and 400 options become exercisable in two equal installments of 200 options each on 05/20/2013 and 05/20/2014.

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